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	Origin 1920 - 1940	Sanitized Copy specified region	Geographical Location to USSR	to Logistics of US Aid	possibly affecting stability - 1956	Stability - 1956 Estimated	Probable Alignment US-USSR 1956
REGION II							
1. France	Great power in competition with UK, except as opposing rise of Axis powers.	Excellent	Moderately unfavorable	Favorable	Political and social polarization, with marked traditional foundation. Continued but diminishing labor unrest.	Probably stable in same degree as period 1920 - 1940	US aligned
2. Benelux Group Belgium Netherlands Luxembourg	UK-France; but striving for neutrality in European power conflicts.	Good	Unfavorable	Moderately favorable	None significant -- barring economic repercussions from declining of colonial holdings.	Very stable	US aligned
3. Germany (Western Occupation Zone)	Great power with expansionist drive for supremacy on Eurasian continent.	Wholly dependent on Western occupation powers.	Wholly unfavorable in absence of Western powers or German military forces.	Unfavorable in absence of Western powers or of German military forces.	Political polarization Left-Right, reducing moderate Center and building up Right. Labor-Management conflict in total industrial field.	Stability basically dependent on policies occupation powers.	US aligned
4. Switzerland	Traditionally neutral	Superior	Favorable	Moderately favorable	None significant.	Very stable	US aligned if threatened by USSR.
5. Austria	Western European; but always politically and economically dependent on strongest neighbor.	Poor	Extremely unfavorable	Unfavorable	Political and economic in consequence extended occupation. Ideological polarization, Left-Right traditional	Stability dependent on policies occupation powers.	US alignment desired, but powerless to resist USSR.
6. Italy	Western European, with strong Catholic tradition and authoritarian tendencies.	Good	Unfavorable	Moderately favorable	Political polarization Left-Right based on economic difficulties.	Moderately stable	If neutrality is out of the question, and if adequate inducements are offered, US aligned.
7. Greece	Western European (UK-France), with anti-Slavic tradition.	Poor	Unfavorable	Favorable, but rapidly deteriorating in face US-USSR conflict.	Present political and military violence and social disorganization; continued economic inadequacy and dependence.	Unstable, with continuing subversive activities.	US (and UK) aligned as long as US aid available and Communist military coup prevented.

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Region II (cont'd)	Orig: Declassified in Part	Geographical Location		Internal Tensions		Stability 1956 Estimated	Probable alignment US-USSR - 1956
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10. North Africa	Colonial status in relation to Western Europe.	Excellent.	Highly favorable.	Highly favorable.	Nationalism	Probably stable; depending upon French policy.	US aligned (via France).
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11. Poland	Dual orientation: culturally; ethnically East; politically; economically West.	Extremely unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	Social and political, but diminishing throughout the period.	Probably stable.	USSR aligned.
12. Czechoslovakia	Western European.	Precarious.	Highly unfavorable.	Slightly favorable; within the assumptions.	Social and political, but diminishing. Czech character will probably continue to oppose external pressures and force political polarization.	Probably stable.	USSR aligned.
13. Hungary	Western European.	Unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	Religion and political, but diminishing.	Relatively stable.	USSR aligned.
14. Rumania	Western European.	Unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	None critically significant.	Stable.	USSR aligned.
15. Yugoslavia	Predominantly Western European.	Good.	Slightly favorable.	Favorable.	Political and economic, but probably diminishing.	Probably stable.	Drawn to USSR by ideological affinities, but neutrality a possibility, since its maintenance is not out of question.
16. Bulgaria	Government orientation West; but mass orientation East.	Unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	Highly unfavorable.	None critically significant.	Stable.	USSR aligned.
17. Albania	None established.	Poor.	Slightly favorable.	Slightly favorable.	Superficially none; but tension can develop rapidly from opposition between tribal habits, individualism and pressure of collectivization.	Unstable.	Reliable estimate cannot be made.

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IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL ESTIMATES FOR THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE STATES ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, ARE FUNDAMENTALLY CONDITIONED BY THE POLICIES OF US, UK, AND USSR REGARDING PALESTINE.

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**SECURITY POSITION**

	ORIENTATION 1920-1940	(A) WITH RESPECT TO NEIGHBORING STATES.	(B) WITH RESPECT TO USSR	(C) WITH RESPECT TO LOGISTICS OF US AID	INTERNAL TENSIONS POSSIBLY AFFECTING STABILITY-1956	STABILITY-1956 ESTIMATED	PROBABLE ALIGNMENT US-USSR 1956
REGION III							
1. TURKEY	STRONGLY INDEPENDENT, BUT WITH GROWING WEST ORIENTA- TION	SUPERIOR	UNFAVORABLE	FAVORABLE, BUT DE- TERIORATING IN FACE US-USSR CONFLICT	NONE CRITICALLY SIGNIFICANT	ALMOST CERTAIN- LY STABLE	US ALIGNED, BUT DIFFICULT TO MAKE EFFECTIVE WITHOUT US SUPPORT.
2. SYRIA- LEBANON	SEMI-COLONIAL STATUS IN RELATION TO FRANCE	GOOD	UNFAVORABLE	MODERATING FAVORABLE, BUT RAPIDLY DE- TERIORATING IN FACE US-USSR CONFLICT	NATIONALISM, MI- NORITIES, ECO- NOMIC INADEQUACY, COMMUNIST INFILTRA- TION (NB. THESE ACCEN- TUATED IN LEBANON)	UNSTABLE, WITH DEGREE OF IN- STABILITY DE- PENDENT ON EX- TERNAL FACTORS. (SEE: INTRO- DUCTORY NOTE)	DESIRE NEUTRALITY, BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN IN FACE OF PRESSING US- USSR STRATEGIC INTERESTS.
3. ISRAEL		UNFAVORABLE WITH- OUT STRONG EX- TERNAL SUPPORT	UNFAVORABLE	FAVORABLE, BUT RAPID- LY DETERIORATING IN FACE US-USSR CONFLICT	ECONOMIC INADEQUACY POLITICAL FACTIONAL- ISM, COMMUNIST IN- FILTRATION	PROBABLY UN- STABLE, BUT EX- TERNAL FACTORS MAKE ESTIMATE UNRELIABLE	UNPREDICTABLE (SEE: INTRODU- CTORY NOTE)
4. TRANSJORDAN	SEMI-COLONIAL STATUS IN RELATION TO UK	GOOD, SUBJECT TO UK SUPPORT	UNFAVORABLE	SLIGHTLY UNFAVORABLE	NONE SIGNIFICANT	PROBABLY STABLE, BUT MIGHT BE ADVERSELY AF- FECTED BY DEATH OF PRESENT MONARCH.	DESIRE NEUTRALITY, BUT (VIA UK) DRAWN INTO US ALIGNMENT.
5. EGYPT	NOMINALLY INDEPENDENT, BUT UNDER STRONG UK INFLUENCE BASED ON TREATY RELATION- SHIP	EXCELLENT	SLIGHTLY UN- FAVORABLE	FAVORABLE	NATIONALISM, ECONOMIC UNBALANCE COMMUNIST INFILTRA- TION.	SLIGHTLY UN- STABLE	DESIRE NEUTRALITY, BUT US ALIGNMENT LIKELY FOR SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.
6. ARABIAN PENINSULA	SOVEREIGN AND SEMI-SOVEREIGN STATES WITH STRONG UK IN- FLUENCE. BEGINNING SAUDI- ARABIAN-US TIES VIA OIL FIELDS	GOOD, WITH SAUDI ARABIAN POSITION SUPERIOR	FAVORABLE	FAVORABLE, BUT DE- TERIORATING IN FACE US-USSR CONFLICT	NONE SIGNIFICANT, BUT DEATH OF SAUDI ARABIAN MONARCH MIGHT PERMIT DYNASTIC STRUGGLES.	PROBABLY STABLE, SUB- JECT TO PRE- VIOUS RESERVA- TION	DESIRE NEUTRALITY, BUT US ALIGNMENT LIKELY FOR ECO- NOMIC REASONS
7. IRAQ	SEMI-COLONIAL STATUS IN RELATION TO UK	GOOD	UNFAVORABLE	MODERATELY UNFAVOR- ABLE	NATIONALISM, MI- NORITIES, ECONOMIC INADEQUACY COM- MUNIST INFILTRATION	UNSTABLE, WITH DEGREE OF IN- STABILITY DE- PENDENT ON EX- TERNAL FACTORS (SEE: INTRODU- CTORY NOTE)	DESIRE NEUTRALITY, BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN IN FACE OF PRESSING US- USSR STRATEGIC INTERESTS.

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REGION V							
1. China	Friendly to US.	Poor, primarily because of internal armed conflict.	Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Political and military factions. Food shortages. Economic, with long-standing population pressure.	Probably unstable	Regionally split between US-USSR alignment.
2. Central Asia Inner Mongolia Outer Mongolia Sinkiang	Habituated to buffer status USSR-China.	Fair	Unfavorable	Highly unfavorable	Ethnic Economic	Relatively unstable.	USSR aligned.
3. Korea	Annexed Japanese territory.	Poor, primarily because of internal conflict	Highly unfavorable	Moderately favorable, but rapid deterioration in face of US-USSR conflict.	Political polarization left (North) - Right (South).	*See below	USSR aligned, estimate subject to same condition.
4. Japan	Great power with an expansionist policy	Good	Favorable	Favorable	Political polarization, left-right in relation to economic difficulties.	Relatively stable	Desire neutrality, but drawn to US alignment by security and policy considerations.
5. Siam	Nominal independence maintained by playing off external powers. Strong UK economic influence.	Fair. Weakness consists of large Chinese minority.	Favorable	Favorable	Chinese minority. Army participation in politics. Economic.	Relatively stable	Desire neutrality, but with bias to US alignment.
6. Burma	Colonial status in relation to UK.	Good	Favorable	Favorable geographically, but internal situation limits effective use.	Ethnic Political polarization	Unstable	Desire neutrality, but drawn to US by security considerations.
7. Malaya	Colonial status in relation to UK.	Fair	Favorable	Favorable	Chinese minority in conflict with indigenous people.	Probably stable	US aligned (via UK)

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\*(Korea) Estimate conditional on US action. US withdrawal will permit a stable Communist state.

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<b>REGION V (continued)</b>							
8. Indochina	Colonial Status in relation to France	Good	Favorable	Favorable geo- graphically, but internal sit- uation limits effective use.	Nationalism in conflict with colonial power	Relatively stable, if cause of ten- sion is brought under control	Desire neutrality, but maintenance unpredictable. Ideological pull to USSR
9. Indonesia	Colonial status in relation to Nether- lands, with develop- ing nationalism	Good	Favorable	Favorable geo- graphically, but limited by con- flict with colo- nial power.	Political polar- ization, Left- Right	Probably Unstable	Desire neutrality, but ultimate align- ment wholly un- predictable
10. Philippines	Colonial status in relation to US, but process of shift to sovereign status.	Good	Favorable	Favorable	Economic, with Communist ex- ploitation	Probably stable	Desire neutrality, But US aligned for security consider- ations

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Orientation 1920-1940

(a) With respect to neighboring states

(b) With respect to USSR

(c) With respect to logistics of US aid

Stability 1956  
Estimated

Stability 1956  
Estimated

Probable alignment  
US-USSR - 1956

Region VI  
1. Canada

Western Europe, via  
UK-Commonwealth.  
Also US.

Superior

Highly favorable.

Highly favorable

None critically  
significant.

Certainly  
stable.

US aligned.

Region VII  
1. Caribbean Defense  
Area

Politically, economical-  
ly, psychologically and  
ideologically US since  
1932.

Relation to US  
security protects  
from external  
pressure. Intra-  
regional frictions  
insignificant in  
pattern of larger  
conflict.

Highly favorable.

Highly favorable  
geographically.  
Use generally  
confined to  
maintenance of  
internal order.

Political rival-  
ries linked with  
economic malad-  
justment.

Stable,  
with degree  
increasing.

US aligned.  
(N.B. (1) UK colonies  
via Canada  
(2) Netherlands via  
Shell Oil Co.  
(3) French via  
France.)

Region VIII  
1. South America

Considerable orienta-  
tion to Western Europe,  
but with increasing US.

Superior. Intra-  
regional fric-  
tions not deci-  
sive factors ex-  
ternally.

Highly favorable.

Favorable,  
slightly modified  
by distance, and  
limited in effect-  
ive use.

Territorial rival-  
ries.

Stable, with  
degree in-  
creasing,  
but subject  
to character-  
istic Brazil-Arg-  
entine  
rivalry.

US aligned, with  
possible excep-  
tion of Argentine  
neutrality.

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<b>Region IX</b>							
1. Union of South Africa	Western European	Superior	Extremely favorable.	Favorable	Racial tensions probably increasing in intensity.	Probably stable	US aligned
2. UK colonial Africa	Colonial or protectorate status		Highly favorable	Favorable	Racial tensions, but controllable.	Probably stable	US aligned (via UK)
3. Portuguese and Spanish colonial Africa	Colonial status		Favorable	Slightly favorable	None significant	Probably stable	Desiring neutrality but US aligned in view of strategic position of colonial power.
4. French colonial Africa	Colonial status		Favorable	Favorable	Racial tensions, but controllable.	Probably stable	US aligned (via France)
5. Belgian Congo	Colonial status		Favorable	Favorable	None significant	Stable	US aligned (via Belgium)
6. Ethiopia	None clearly established	Superior	Highly favorable	Moderately unfavorable	None significant	Stable	Neutral and able to maintain if UK (US) influence accepted.
<b>Region X</b>							
1. Australia New Zealand	Western Europe, via UK	Superior	Highly favorable	Highly favorable	None critically significant	Certainly stable	US aligned.

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